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Sir:

The information listed below may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of the information and completed PTO-1449 forms are submitted herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make this information of official record in the application. The information includes:

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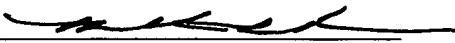
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